

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 21, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--~~It is an object to provide a~~A band refeeding method in a banding packing machine ~~is disclosed~~ which can prevent the tip portion of a band from being excessively pulled back even if the band is not supplied correctly but is automatically pulled back, and can stay the band in a predetermined position and can successively supply the band to the band guide arch side. A length of a band to be pulled back to an original position by band pull back means ~~(84)~~ is previously detected based on the number of rotations of a touch roller ~~(88)~~ constituting band supply means ~~(82)~~. In addition, the number of rotations of the touch roller ~~(88)~~ before reaching a predetected set value is detected when the tip portion of the band is pulled back. Then, a rotating speed of a roller ~~(94)~~ of the band pull back means ~~(84)~~ is reduced when the number of rotations is detected. Therefore, the roller ~~(94)~~ of the band pull back means ~~(84)~~ is subsequently rotated at the low speed, thereby pulling back the tip of the band to a predetermined position.--